The primary responsibilities of the intelligence
function in the technical areas:

--to determine the foreign state of the art
    across the spectrum of technical disciplines;

--to determine the actual performance
    characteristics of those foreign systems
    and equipment (military or civilian in nature)
    whose capabilities and missions have an impact
    on US government decisions and operations;

--to forecast future capabilities to the extent
    that such estimates can be inferred from
    existing intelligence information; such as,
    for example, the Soviet technology base or
    observed behavioral patterns;

--to evaluate the performance of existing
    collection systems in satisfying the needs
    of the intelligence analyst and to communicate
    this assessment to the collection organizations;

--to determine requirements for information and
    data not being acquired by current collection
    systems;

--to provide technical information to the US
    R&D community where foreign technology or
    application thereof appears to differ from
    that of the US;

--to assess the technical capabilities of current
    and future foreign systems against the likely
    US opposition systems, and to point out where
    US systems could be improved to put them to
    better advantage.

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